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Toronto Aug. 2, 1917.

Dear Mr. President:

Your note followed me to Bolton and came back with me yesterday. It tells me what Dr. Seath told me this morning. —

The explanation of the Minister's action is cumulative. There is Dr. Seath's instinctive dislike of a semi-independent Faculty of Education. For ten years he has not hesitated to express that dislike. There is Dr. Seath's anger at the appearance of this last session matter to the Governors — an anger that increased with discussions and interviews. There is also resentment at the length of session. B.'s action in the matter of Household Science — the last straw, I think. ~~There is~~ and at the B.'s inaction in the matter of the length of session of the F.O.E.. There is merely **master** inactivity. Others done nothing and promised little in the matter of preparatory action. There is Toronto's inactivity in the matter of the calendar. This latter charge, not made but vaguely hinted, rouses my anger also. I have made four calendars since X mas. Perhaps the last, now about to be submitted, will be read. In May and June the Supt. would not discuss the calendar, indeed, would not grant me an interview. In June, late, I had himself forwarded to Coleman and myself draft proposals for a calendar which proposals had already been approved by the Minister without reference to either F.O.E.. Coleman and I met the Supt. in June, agreed to accept his draft, made a few suggestions on request, and

[illegible] Suggestions, W. Patterson [illegible] to next week

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went away, to draw up a calendar in detail. I saw the Supt. about July 4, made a few suggestions, and received a revised draft. ~~July~~ 10 I received a revision of the revised draft. July 14 I advised the Supt that I had completed a calendar on the basis of the last draft, urged some difficulties I had discovered in working out the calendar, and asked what steps should be taken next to have it approved for the calendar. July 20 I received another revised draft which attempted to ~~remove~~ remove the difficulties I had met with and July 22 sent me still another revision of the draft. I received this final draft July 24, worked its contents into a calendar, and came here Aug. 1. to have the completed document typed. It will run to more than 100 typed pages. Coleman meets me here tomorrow. I mention this assertion that after the Supt. receives our calendar he will be forced to delay its approval for weeks until the Dept. decides as to the validity of certificates to be issued on the basis of the examns. of the F.O.E.—

I doubt that it is wise to discuss the question with the Minister or the Revision Judgat. If the calendar goes through in its form approved but ignored by the Minister there will be

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involved a very serious increase in annual cost. I hope still to see certain proposals withdrawn. If they go through in their present crude form I can see an increased expenditure of $5000 in Oct. next, and still more in Oct., 1918. Suggest that when the calendar is approved and demanded by the Minister to be put into effect, the Bd. approach the crown with a statement of its difficulties. I am not without hope that a new agreement can be devised which both parties may accept without loss of prestige — and efficiency. For the present I have no thought that the Minister will do more than write his letter. I believe that you can dismiss the question from consideration until work begins anew in Sept.. Please inform you progress with Dr. Seath. —

All this is confidential to Dr. Seath. On the other hand I cannot let away from the thought you able, humane, brave old man, good as to be in a great hurry, and so brave as to be defy governments, universities, and people. With many good wishes

W. Patterson

Patterson Bd has suffered much this year — Graves, Fletcher, Frame — and just lately Young fine chap. Jim was a fine boy & sister — was fine in the Affair — he was a critic — & appreciative while having his critics — they have a letter to the Chancellor. —

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Go Home Bay, Aug. 7, 1917.

Dear Mr. President:

Coleman and I met on Friday, Aug. 3, and revised the curriculum which had been drawn up on the basis of the four different drafts of the Dept. of Educ. We met at Dr. Sadler's suggestion. On Saturday A.M. I advised Dr. S. that our revise was ready for his consideration and asked for instructions. He urged that he was oppressed with work, that other problems in Agric. needed immediate solution, and that he would not be able to meet us for 'final consideration' for a week or ten days. Ultimately he set Monday, Aug. 13 as the date of a final meeting. I give you this statement to show the progress of events. Shall tell you your proceedings when we hold our next meeting.

Both Coleman and I are agreed in ~~thinking~~ that we should accept all the demands of the Dept after stating our objections, that we should attempt in all sincerity to put into effect the Dept's 'modifications', cost what those 'modifications' may. I may add that on the whole the changes are improvements in theory. We disagree with the Dept. mainly in the methods to be adopted to put theories into practice.

Shall be in Toronto again on Monday next.

Sincerely yours, W. Patchell

Now what I want to discuss with Borden is a way of getting the new curriculum through the Senate immediately! That is, a further more difficult problem than the first problem involved in the Dept's Bill.

Son.. Robert Falconer,

Lake Vernon,

near Huntsville,

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Bottome Bay, Aug. 11, 1917.

Dear Mr. President!

The superintendent has just informed me that he proposes to meet on Wednesday next, Aug. 15. He has not read our last circular when he wrote. He also informed me that owing to the Minister's absence from the Office during Aug. he would not be able to get an official approval of our Wednesday decision until later — perhaps the end of Aug. —

I do not think that the delay will cause much trouble to the Faculty of Education. We need calendars for distribution in June among the schools and teachers. Applicants may ask for them, and students in attendance may read them.

When I am in Toronto next week

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I shall take the liberty of calling up Sir Edward as you suggest. Possibly my prolonged interviews with Dr. Scott will give me more light — if more light is needed.

My neighbor, Bonner of the Chicago Greek Dept., is much interested in your Latin appointments. He discusses freely the merits of such men as Mustard, Lang (Chicago), Shipley, Fairclough (who would gladly go over to Latin). I doubt that Bonner is prejudiced and I believe that his judgment is fairly good. He might be of some assistance to you if you think of appointing a woman with an American record. —

My little garden is dead. Too so busy with visits to Toronto and with cucumbers that it was not watered. But it seemed to need unlimited cities.

We hope that you are all enjoying your summer and that both the boys thrive. Sincerely yours W. D. Lighthall.

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Toronto, Sept. 11, 1917.

Dear Mr. President:

Some months ago and before the new curriculum of the Faculty of Education was drafted Mr. Coombs was given a year's 'leave' to attend graduate courses in Education at Columbia. The new curriculum, adopted last week by the Senate, makes very important changes in many departments, and especially in Mr. Coombs' department of Elementary Education. In view of this fact and of the danger from the inexperienced substitute in a newly-organized department, the Superintendent of Education has asked Mr. Coombs to forego his 'leave', or rather, has asked

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me to ask Mr. Coombs to forego his leave. At considerable expense Mr. Coombs has consented. I trust that his action will be remembered when he again asks for leave.

Sincerely yours,

W. Packenham

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October 10,1917.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr.President:

(1) I beg leave to recommend the following annual appointments:

Household Science (House Management and Cookery)
- Miss L.L.Ockley - $100

Supervisor of Practice-teaching, Jarvis St.C.I.
- Mr.John Jeffries,B.A.- 100

Supervisor of Practice-teaching, Ryerson School
- Mr.Neil MacDonald,B.A. 100
(vice Mr.W.E.Groves, deceased).

These are annual appointments for which appropriations have been made. Miss Ockley and Mr.Jeffries served last year in their respective posts. Mr.MacDonald is the new Principal of Ryerson School.

(2) In June last the Province approved of an additional expenditure in maintenance of $5000. The Board of Governors has appropriated $4700 of this amount in the salaries of Messrs.Lougheed and Williams. This leaves a balance of $300. One of the substitute teachers of last year (Mr.Brown, salary $2000 for 1917-18) has resigned and been replaced by a substitute at $1700. Another substitute of last year (Mr.Gray, salary $1700 for 1917-18) has resigned and been replaced by a substitute at $1500. This means a saving of $500. By changes in class-rooms the Headmaster has been able to house 497 pupils in the University Schools. This means an addition of at least 35 pupils,

whose fees will amount to $2000. Against these increases or economies of $2800 should be set the loss in fees from the Education students of about $750.

The new curriculum of the Faculty of Education, issued subsequent to the approval of the $5000 addition to the maintenance charge of the Faculty of Education, demands certain adjustments in time-table and additions to staff. The more pressing of these I refer to below:

(a) The addition of a course or seminar for specialists in Household Science calls for a special instructor. This instructor must be a teacher in the High or Public Schools of Toronto. At the suggestion of all interested parties, including the Household Science Department of the University of Toronto (Miss Laird), I recommend Miss Isabel Sutherland,B.S. of Oakwood Collegiate Institute for this post. Salary $100 per Session.

(b) The increase in the number of practice-lessons from 25 to 30, and the calendar's demand for the inclusion of the Kindergarten and Kindergarten-Primary rooms of the Public School in the schedule of Observation and Practice work, make it necessary to add one Kindergarten room and one Kindergarten-Primary room to our list of class-rooms at Ryerson School. This means an addition of $300 to the amount to be paid the Board of Education for the use of its schools.

(c) Major Bramfitt, instructor in Music, is absent on service. Mr.Murch has taken his work in Music. Some objection has been made to Mr.Murch's service because he does not hold a diploma or certificate

in Music. Moreover,in the terms of the Minister's report of March last and of the new curriculum, the work in Music must be trebled and the Headmaster is not able to release Mr.Murch from his duties in The University Schools for the required time. Under these conditions I beg leave to recommend that Mr.A.T.Cringan of the Toronto Normal School be appointed substitute instructor in Music at a salary of $100 per session-hour. This would mean an appointment for the year at $400.

(d) The Superintendent of Education requests that to keep themselves in touch with the work of typical schools not represented in Toronto, one or two members of the staff should visit annually and for a few days at a time a rural school inspectorate, a school with a Form V, a Grade C. Continuation School, etc. This is required of Normal School Instructors. I believe that an annual appropriation of $50 would more than suffice for this service.

(e) The office work of the Headmaster has become very heavy. He has the supervision of 497 boys in The University Schools, and, under the new calendar, a threefold increase in his lecture schedule in the Faculty of Education. Moreover he has little assistance from the messenger. In these schools the messenger must be a boy and a boy who will remain as a messenger until experience has made him useful is a rare thing indeed. As a matter of fact the Headmaster is now without a messenger. Finally the new curriculum increases by

fifty per cent. the clerical work of recording the results of the Observation and Practice-Teaching. Hitherto this work has required one-half the time of a clerical assistant. Henceforth it will require three-fourths of the time. One-fourth of the time of a clerical assistant will not suffice to handle the clerical work of the Head-master's office. I urge that he be given an appropriation for a clerical assistant. This would mean at the least $12 per week for an educated woman or graduate.

Other matters may press for consideration later as the new curriculum goes into full effect. I have referred here to the most pressing matters.

Very truly yours,

W. Peterson

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DEAN'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. President:

Possibly I did not lay sufficient stress upon the fact that the recommendations sent you today deal with pressing matters not with all matters. Later the Governors will have to meet the question of an instructor in sewing. This will mean a charge that may vary from $100 for the session to $500. They will also meet the question of Observation by students in rural schools and Continuation Schools – there will come a new charge of $100 to $200. Finally there is the question of an extra teacher. All these matters come out of the new curriculum. Possibly they will not be pressed to a solution this Session. I await a conference with the Dept. of Education before acting. In the meantime, do not think that I am attempting ~~for a~~ to win

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approval by piecemeal recommendations.

Very truly yours,

W. Peterkin

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October 16,1917.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr.President:

I have canvassed the situation here and think that there will be few, if any, requests by students or staff for the use of this building in the evenings.

Yours truly,

W. Peacham

W.P.

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October 26,1917.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr.President:

The Superannuation Act of the last Session of the Legislative Assembly applies to the various members of the staffs of such Faculties of Education as are approved by the Minister. Under the Act the contributions of these members should be deducted from their salaries monthly by the Board of Governors beginning with April,1917, as the Minister is required in turn to deduct the total of such constributions from the legislative grant to the Board of Governors. It would be an annoyance to the Board if the Minister made his deductions and the Board neglected to make the equivalent deductions. It might be an inconvenience to certain members of the staff if the deductions from April to December were made from the December salary.

Is it possible to get action in the matter? I presume that the Commission in charge of the Pension Fund should notify the Board of the terms of the Act if, indeed, it has not already done so.

Yours very truly,

W. Pakenham

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February 14,1918.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr.President:

In the re-organization of the Faculty of Education last summer sewing was added to the curriculum for First Class Public School teachers. Miss Enid Robertson, whose salary ($1600) is paid by the Department of Education, has charge of sewing with other classes in Household Science. She has now taken charge of sewing in connection with the courses in Education. I recommend that for her services in the Faculty of Education Miss Robertson be paid this Session $100. I may add that the work in sewing began a few weeks ago.

Yours very truly,

W. Peterson

W.P.

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March 7th, 1918

Dean Pakenham,

Faculty of Education,

University of Toronto.

Dear Dean Pakenham:

I am sending you a letter which I have just received. I told Mr. Dunlop, however, that hitherto the te chers have all been drawn from those who hold specialist certificates from this Province.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 25th, 1918

Dear Dean Patenham:

I have drafted an outline of what seems to me might be put into an educational appeal to be sent out by the University through the press of the Province. Will you go over it carefully and do not hesitate to make as sweeping changes or as many additions as you may think advisable ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

Dean Patenham,

Faculty of Education.

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June 21,1918.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr.President:

After a careful canvas of the situation, I beg leave to recommend the following appointments for the Summer Courses for the Degrees in Pedagogy:

Educational Psychology - Professor Sandiford

Educational Administration - Dean Pakenham.

I may add that these Courses now have a registration of 25-30.

Yours very truly,

W. Pakenham